SUBJECT No. 52.

Disposal of the sale proceeds of the right of cultivation of tank beds.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Rao, Hosdurga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the Chitaldrug District tanks do not receive a good supply of water and dry up frequently, with the result that the atchkat lands remain uncultivated. The beds of tanks which dry up before the end of ಮಾರ್ಗಶಿರ (Margasira) may be granted for cultivation on "Eksal tenure" and an amount equivalent to the sale proceeds remitted in the assessment on the atchkat lands.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 53.

Removal of the obligation on mohatarfa payers in respect of earthwork to tanks.

Mr. Ramappa, Challakere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The mohatarfa payers and land owners who do not hold lands under tanks may be exempted from their share of the earthwork to be carried out to tanks and the owners of atchkat lands alone may be held responsible for the work.

(2) Exemption may be given at least to raiyats of *majare* villages which are very far from the tank.

Reply of Government.—Not possible. The specific cases brought to notice, *viz.*, those of Mannekote under Kodihalli tank, Honnur under Ghatparthi and Hirehalli under Hirehalli tank in the Challakere Taluk, will be investigated.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Encouragement to patels and shanbhogs.

Mr. B. Gundu Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. B. Gundu Rao made the following remarks:—

(i) Work was heavy and remuneration small.

(ii) Both the patel and shanbhog should be responsible for collection.

(iii) The registered shanbhog should be allowed to nominate a competent gumasta and to take up any other avocation.

(iv) Compulsory Life Insurance for all shanbhogs should be ordered.

(v) Hakdar shanbhogs should be permitted to hold more than one charge.

(vi) Transfer of registry in favour of near heirs during the life time of the incumbent may be sanctioned.

(vii) Grant of scholarships to shanbhogs' sons is necessary.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

(2) A Committee consisting of 2 officers, 2 experienced shanbhogs and 2 non-official gentlemen may be appointed to investigate and make definite recommendations in the matter.

Mr. Sivappa, Tarikere Taluk.

(3) The incumbents do not care so much for Potgi as for the dignity the office conferred on them. As an encouragement to these officers scholarships may be given for the education of their sons.

Mr. D. S. Krishna Rao, Nelamangala Taluk.

(4) Some shanbhogs may be appointed shekdars.

Mr C. Narasimhaiya, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

(5) The remuneration may be increased in proportion to the heavy work now involved.

Reply of Government.—The question of giving scholarships to the sons of village officers will be considered in the Education Department.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Discontinuance of the payment of Miras to the village servants, *i.e.*, *tolis*, *talvars*, and *nirgantis*.

Mr. A. Ramanuja Iyengar, Kunigal Taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 56.

Increase of the pay of the officials of the Revenue Department.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The Revenue department is the mainstay of the Government; but the pay and prospects of the officials and menials of all grades are very low. In almost every other department, the pay and prospects have recently been improved. As the welfare of the people and the usefulness of other departments of Government depend to a large extent on the Revenue department, the scale of pay in all the grades in this department may be revised.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 57.

Speedy disposal of darkhasts.

Mr. Lingegowda, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The records connected with applications for gomal and kharab lands are submitted for sanction of Government and about three or four years' time is taken up for passing final orders, thereby causing loss not only to the raiyat but also to Government. Deputy Commissioners may be authorised to dispose of such darkhasts.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 58.

Revision of the statement relating to darkhasts for gomal lands.

Messrs. Krishnamurti and Maralu Siddappa, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Darkhasts for gomal and kharab lands are rejected on the ground that assessed waste lands are available in the village as noted by the shekdar against column 16 of the Memorandum. Such assessed waste lands are in a majority of cases unfit for cultivation and far away from the village. Column 16 of the Memorandum may be eliminated, as it is not the intention of Government to discourage darkhasts for gomal and kharab lands.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary. Each case is disposed of on its merits.

SUBJECT No. 59.

Grant of assessed waste lands free or at a small upset price.

Mr. Puttasaine Gowda, Malvalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Darkhasts for assessed waste lands are presented mostly by landless and poor people. Such lands are always sold by public auction and they are generally purchased by the rich people and thus the poor darkhastdars are left in a helpless condition. Assessed waste lands may be granted either free or at a small upset price of Re. 1, Rs. 5 and 10 for an acre of dry, garden and wet land, respectively.